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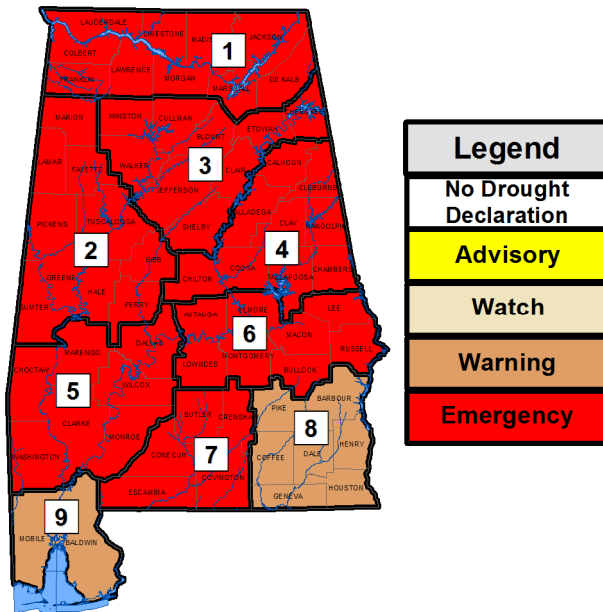
For Public Dissemination Alabama Drought Declaration

In accordance with the Alabama Drought Planning and Response Act (Code of Ala. 1975, §9-10C-1, et seq.) and the Alabama Drought Management Plan, the ADECA Office of Water Resources (OWR), based on a review of current and anticipated conditions, has declared the following portions of Alabama to be under the specified drought declaration levels.

Declaration Level

- Emergency** **Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Bullock, Butler, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Conecuh, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dallas, DeKalb, Elmore, Escambia, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lee, Limestone, Lowndes, Macon, Madison, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pickens, Randolph, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, Washington, Wilcox, and Winston
- Warning** **Regions 8 and 9 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Baldwin, Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Mobile, and Pike
- Watch** **None**
- Advisory** **None**
- None** **None**

Conditions across Alabama are continuing to degrade rapidly due to the significant lack of rainfall with some areas experiencing extremely long periods of no precipitation. Virtually, the entire State is experiencing very low streamflows, including several all-time record lows, and record low reservoir inflows. In addition, groundwater levels are continuing to decline. Numerous public water systems are implementing either voluntary or mandatory water use restrictions. Water managers are urged to carefully monitor water sources and implement or amend water conservation measures as needed. Public water system customers are encouraged to follow their local water system's recommendations regarding water use. All other water users should make prudent decisions on their water use to protect available water resources.



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